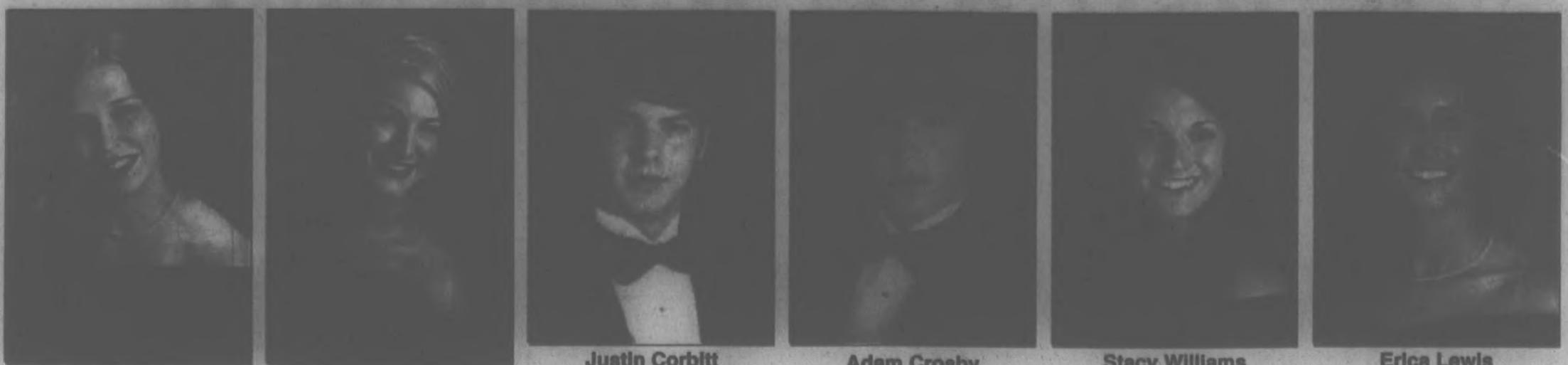


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In special meeting held Thursday, May 24.

Coffee County BOE approves long list of personnel recommendations

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Board members met Thursday morning, May 24, for a special meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education and made several personnel decisions after Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram presented her recommendations.

Dr. Ingram presented a long list of personnel recommendations and board members asked several questions before voting to approve all. The personnel matters approved by the board included the following:

Certified Personnel

The following teachers were approved for continued service status: Jennifer Lee, Kristen Stinson, Brandi Johnson, Susan Taylor, Lourene Wyrodnick, Thomas Boswell and Christina Kirkland.

The following probationary personnel were approved for non-renewal: Melissa Jones, Spanish teacher/librarian at Kinston School; Christi McGlothen, second grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School; Kimberly Blevins, social studies teacher at Zion Chapel; Kim Head, library media specialist at Zion Chapel; Jacob Raspberry, band director at Zion Chapel; Lori McCrory from her position as math teacher at Zion Chapel School to library media specialist at Zion Chapel School; and Dawn Smith from her position as special education teacher at Zion Chapel School to special education teacher at New Brockton High School.

The following employees were approved for involuntary transfer: Mary Mack from her position as first grade teacher at Kinston School to second grade teacher at Zion Chapel.

The following employees were approved: Lydia Courson, elementary teacher at Kinston School; Laura Clark, elementary teacher at Kinston School; Sam Dean, head football coach at Kinston School; Scott Sansom, head basketball coach at Kinston School; Amanda Parker, elementary teacher at New Brockton Elementary

U.S. Congressman Terry Everett votes for passage of agriculture disaster assistance

Congressman Terry Everett voted for agriculture disaster assistance in the emergency supplemental appropriation bill which passed the U.S. House of Representatives Thursday of last week.

The \$120 billion emergency supplemental package that House lawmakers passed includes \$3 billion in agriculture disaster assistance for farmers who suffered significant losses due to weather during 2005, 2006, or 2007. Farmers who had losses in more than one year can select one year from which to receive funding.

To be eligible for assistance, farmers must have lost 35 percent or more of their crop in either 2005, 2006, or 2007 (if the crop was planted before February 28, 2007) in counties that experienced Agriculture Department designated natural disasters. Additionally, farmers' crops must have been covered by crop insurance or the Non-Insured Assistance Program to eligible.

Congressman Everett, a senior member of the House Agriculture Committee, supported the supplemental legislation's disaster funding.

"We depend upon our farmers to provide us with a safe and reliable food supply," he said. "As they continue to struggle through times of severe weather, this assistance is necessary to enable them to overcome severe loss."

The agriculture disaster assis-

tance also passed the U.S. Senate on Thursday and is headed to the White House for President Bush's signature.

Coffee County Commission opens bids for construction on new cell at landfill

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LOCAL GRADUATES RECEIVE DEGREES/DIPLOMAS... (Above) Kristi Spinks and Kimberly Bowers of Elba give each other hugs in their excitement prior to marching in for Enterprise-Ozark Community College's 41st Commencement Ceremony held recently on the Enterprise Campus. On Tuesday, May 29, of this week area graduation celebrations continued when the Class of 2007 at Elba, New Brockton, Zion Chapel and Kinston schools were honored during ceremonies at their respective schools. Family and friends of the graduates filled football stadiums to show their support for the graduates as they were rewarded for their achievements.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

There are two constitutional amendments on the Alabama ballots for next Tuesday. Both deal with money. We will be voting yes or no on them, even though one of them approves the borrowing of more money. There will not be many people voting in this election cycle, so to be heard louder than usual, be one of those who shows up at the polls Tuesday.

Amendment #1 will more than double the borrowing capacity of a fund officially used only for permanent, long time improvements to the state, including industrial development. Funding for the new steel plant near Mobile will use some of this extra money. This amendment will increase the bond selling capacity from \$350 million to a whopping \$750 million. We don't accept the statement that borrowing is necessary to run government. It wouldn't be if politicians would only wait until the money was available before passing spending bills. However that will not happen and new industry in Alabama will help each one of us and/or our family members sooner or later, thus we will hold our nose and vote yes.

Amendment #2 deals with health care for retired state employees. This one is designed to slow down Alabama's practice of making promises today and paying ten years down the road. Right now unfunded obligation to retired state workers is in the billions and rising. The fees are requiring states to file annual reports on their unfunded health care costs. States must have these health care obligations funded ahead of the borrowing power of the state will be hurt (interest rates on bonds would rise, adding millions to the cost of borrowing described above). The legislature has passed bills setting up trust funds for this purpose but can just as easily dip in and "borrow" for politically popular uses. This amendment will require the trust funds and limit how they are used. This one is long overdue and will get our resounding support and a yes vote.

The official dedication of the Elba and Geneva levees will be held Friday morning in Elba. The event will be at 10 a.m. in the parking lot at the end of Claxton Avenue (near the old county jail). Congressman Terry Everett will be the main speaker and said this week he will be up and down in ten minutes. Other state officials will be present as well as Corp. of Engineers folks from the Mobile office. Once the talking is over, Mayor James Grimes plans a demonstration of the flood gates opening and closing. That will take place at the Caroline Street gate.

The Alabama Legislature will apparently get the general fund and education budgets passed before the session officially ends in a few days. Not much else is expected to get out in these few days. However, if our e-mail and snail mail are any indication of the wishes of the people, that is a good thing. It seems someone or some group is against just about everything this year. We know there are those opposed to God and our Country but the opposition is so widespread it seems to be threatening the "apple pie" or basics of our lives. Having written the above observations, we now admit to being a bit relieved at the massive slowdown of bill passing because we are in that crowd that dislikes one or many of the proposals which have been introduced in either the House or the Senate this year.

Community Night at Tiger Town Park
Saturday, June 9th

5:00 p.m.

Arts and Crafts demonstrations
by local artisans

7:00 p.m.

Supper in a Sack

7:30 p.m.

Concert by Nashville artists
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Special Feature:Artists-in-residence,
Bethany Collins and Elliot
Knight, will gather stories
across the City of Elba:
listening, interviewing,
and photographing the
places and people of Elba.Invited by ArtAware, a
Covenant Community Church
project, both artists will
spray, paint, and draw one big
community art mural at the
end of their stay in Elba.Bethany and Elliot will be in Elba
June 4th - June 10thLocal artisans
churches and
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to offer activities that
evening should call

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This is a free event organized by ArtAware, an arts-based learning campaign to help young people and adults reach their potential for self-expression, communication, building, and leadership empowerment.

All Amherst is a proud partner between the Coffee County
Cooperative Extension and Covenant Community Church.

BOE

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School; Jamie Middleton, elementary teacher at New Brockton Elementary School; Katie Shirett, elementary teacher at New Brockton Elementary School; Andrea Maness, math teacher at Zion Chapel School.

The following leave request was approved: catastrophic leave

for Tracy Whitaker, library media specialist at New Brockton Elementary School; Mrs. Whitaker anticipated her leave to begin mid-August.

Support Personnel

The following support personnel were approved for continued service: Mrs. Marie Farris, Margaret Cole Moon, Mary Beth Watkins, Selena King and Nancy Powell.

The following probationary personnel were approved for non-renewal: Regina Whaley, LPN/special education aide at Kinston School; Shannon Boswell, school secretary at Zion Chapel; Cindy Senn, janitor at Zion Chapel School; and Kathy Wambles, CNP worker at Zion Chapel.

The following employee's resignation was approved: Janet Holmes, lead nurse at New Brockton Elementary School.

Board member Annette Griswold abstained from the vote regarding personnel. All other voted in favor of the recommendations. Following the vote, Dr. Ingram said the school system still has a number of positions left to fill, but the actions taken by the board during Thursday meeting made a large dent in the hiring for

the 2007-08 school year.

Also during last Thursday's meeting, board members voted to approve summer school at all three school sites (Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel). Dr. Ingram said a facilitator will be hired for summer school, and students will take classes online.

Dr. Ingram said the cost of summer school is \$75 for one semester or \$125 for both semesters. She said remediation is free.

Board members voted to allow the superintendent to classify some summer painting projects at the schools as a public works projects. Dr. Ingram said there are several classrooms and luncheons in need of painting.

Jennie Allen, representing the State of Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts, addressed board members during the meeting to present the audit report for the time period of Oct. 1, 2005 - Sept. 30, 2006.

Allen said it is now required to present audits at a public board meeting. She said there were no findings or recommendations on the audit.

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There will be a birthday reception honoring Sally Bryan on Saturday afternoon, June 2, 2007 at the Masonic Lodge on the Airport Road in Elba. The reception will be held from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Mrs. Bryan will celebrate her 85th birthday.

The reception is given by Carlton Bryan, Carol Wilson, Jimmy Bryan, and Joan Ward.

NEW ARRIVAL

ETHAN YOUNG HENSON



**L.C. Cook
competes in professional
competition in Dothan**

L.C. Cook, who cooks, sells, barbecue in the Elba area as Mr. Cook's Portable Smokehouse placed 27th out of 41 in a recent professional competition in Dothan. The event was sanctioned by the Florida Bar-B-Que Association on May 19th on the grounds of the National Peanut Festival. It attracted a large number of barbecue professionals and food lovers from all across the South.

A review of the grading sheets show Mr. Cook placing well in four categories. He was 21st in the chicken category, 38th in the ribs division and 9th on cooking of pork. To him the surprise was placing 20th in grilling brisket, a cut of meat he confessed he was not accustomed to cooking.

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LWCC offers Conversational Spanish Tuesdays, June 5, 2007 through Tuesday, July 10, 2007. Classes will meet on the Andalusia Campus from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the George C. Wallace Administration Building, Room 212.

The cost of the course is \$50.00. Anyone interested should register before Monday June 4, 2007. For more information or to register please contact Jan Riley in the Admissions Office on the Andalusia Campus at (334) 881-2281 or jriley@lwcc.edu.

Plates will include: Catfish (or white), hush puppy, cole slaw, and french fries. Tickets strips and also available. Tickets may be purchased from a Zion Chapel band member but are not required.

Dr. & Mrs. William Warren to be honored on 50th Wedding Anniversary with reception

Robert & Ann Miller are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Robert and Ann Miller of May 31, 2007. Their children John Miller, Donald Miller

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

"Now that I can almost count the days until both my girls were be off at college, I am trying my best to find things we can do together. I have made plans to take them fishing one afternoon next week, hope to coach Melanie in summer softball, and maybe if we are lucky the whole family will be able to get away for at least a few days for a family vacation. There is no doubt this in one Dad that ain't looking forward to a quiet home next fall."

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** Elba High School held its annual spring sports banquet last week and both the baseball and softball team were honored for winning area championships. The two area titles won in spring sports brought the total number of area championships to three for the school year, and while no varsity teams were able to post a winning record, at least they held their own against their area opponents. That's a start!

*** The Birmingham News released its annual "All-Sports" championships last week and as expected the Kinston Lady Bulldogs took home the state championship in Class 1A. The Kinston girls won state titles in both volleyball and softball to win the title over runner-up Athens Bible, and were the only multi-sport winners in the classification. The high finish by the girls put the overall athletic program at Kinston the 5th best in 1A, which was three spots higher than Brantley.

*** While looking at the all-sports breakdown of classes, I stopped to compare the number of titles won by public schools and private schools. Among the schools listed in the all-sports program, 39 titles went to public schools and 24 titles went to private schools. The biggest private school winners were in Class 5A, where 11 of the 14 titles went to private schools. Oh well, at least the public schools are finally holding their own.

*** In closing... there were several plaques given away at last week's Elba High Spring sports banquet, but the one that meant the most without a doubt the one given to retiring Elba High principal Johnny Dunn. Mr. Dunn will retire this week after nine years in the Elba system, and he was very deserving of the special honor he received as a friend to the coaches and athletes.

Ammons and Stokes among winners

Eight feature races held on Fan Appreciation Night at South Alabama Speedway in Kinston

By Mark Chisum

Fan Appreciation Night was held recently at the South Alabama Speedway, and the track held features in all eight local classes for the occasion. The best two races were saved for last as Billy Ammons held off Jeff Rudd in the Street Stock Feature and Tony Stokes and Billy Maxie battled for the Roadrunner win.

In the Street Stock Feature, Ammons took the lead from the pole position with Rudd on his bumper. Each lap, Rudd looked for a way around the leader, but each time Rudd made a challenge, Ammons closed the door.

Ammons could pull away by a car length at times, but Rudd kept coming back. Rudd's best shot at stealing the win came with a caution from three laps to go. Ammons was able to keep Rudd behind him on the restart and took the win.

Despite a leaking valve cover gasket, Brett Hanson led all 25 laps to win the Modified Feature. Hanson was pulled down and checked by track officials during a lap 18 caution and giving the "ok" to proceed. He led the remaining eight laps to win over Shannon Burns. Mike Daniels came back from a lap two wreck to finish third.

Darryl Rudd took the lead on the first lap and cruised to the Vintage Feature win. Rudd was never challenged in the race despite a leaking valve cover gasket, Brett Hanson led all 25 laps to win the Modified Feature. Hanson was pulled down and checked by track officials during a lap 18 caution and giving the "ok" to proceed. He led the remaining eight laps to win over Shannon Burns. Mike Daniels came back from a lap two wreck to finish third.

Jeremy Geddings led flag to flag to win the Mini Sportsman Feature. Although he led all the time, Geddings had to hold off Jeremy Peacock and Burl Brunson before securing the win. Peacock challenged Geddings first before Brunson got past him with three lap to go. Brunson was able to get to Gedding's bumper, but couldn't find a way around the leader.

The next event at the track is the June 2 Pro Late Model Viper Series Pigmy 100. Also on the night's schedule are local heats and features. For more information, contact the track at (334) 565-5359, or visit the track's web site at www.southalabamaspeedway.com

Braves continue winning ways in Dixie Minor action

The Elba Braves hit the field twice last week and claimed one win and one tie as they continued their winning ways in Dixie Minor Baseball League action.

The Braves began the week last Monday night and battled to a 5-5 tie with the New Brockton White. Avery Hanchey had one hit and scored one run to lead the Braves at the plate, while Dalton Sewell, Talon Flowers, Trey Funk, Jordan Kidd, Avery Hanchey, Griffin Martin and Quan Jordan all had some runs. Scoring for Kinston were Ashley Key, Grayson Sessions, Ashley Kelley, Dexton Bowdoin, Eli Mullins, Zack Smith and Tanner Davis.

EOCC to host youth camp

Ray Lolley Gymnasium on the Enterprise-Ozark Community College campus will be the setting for the Second Annual "Next Level" Basketball Camp June 25-28, said EOCC coach John Ayers.

"The camp is for players ages 12 and up," Ayers said. "George Scott and EOCC players, both men and women, will join me as instructors."

Camp times are 1:30-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

"This camp is for those players who are hopeful of taking their game to the next level,

whatever that level may be," Ayers said. "Whether it's to make a team, get more playing time on the existing team or on or off it's to learn to play better, this camp is for them."

Cost of the camp is \$65 per camper.

"For their money, campers get a Nike t-shirt, a Nike basketball, a Nike basketball poster, and a water bottle," Ayers said. "Anyone wishing to register for the camp can call me at 324-347-2623 extension 2303."

For more information, contact the camp director, John Ayers, at 324-347-2623 extension 2303.

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served as an Air Force officer.

Prior to his retirement Hughes was Director of the International Fellows program and an Instructor in the Leadership and Ethics Department of the Air War College at Maxwell AFB.

Colonel Hughes, an Auburn University graduate, is married to the former Judy Lee, daughter of John Gideon and Mary Alice Lee of Elba. They have two daughters, Katie, a recent Auburn University graduate and Emily who has just completed her freshman year at Auburn.

During his career the colonel has been awarded the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster;

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters; Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters; Air Force Commendation Medal; Combat Readiness Medal with one oak leaf cluster; National Defense Service Medal with one device; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the NATO Medal.

In 1992 Hughes was named the Air Mobility Command MAJCOM Resource Advisor of the Year.

EHS CLASS OF 1943 GATHERS FOR REUNION...On April 28, 2007 the Elba High School Class of 1943 held a reunion at Barnhill's Restaurant in Troy, Ala. Those in attendance included: (front row, l to r) Virginia Boutwell Barlow, Jack Vaughn, Louise McCollough Nickelson, Mary Alice Dyess Lee, Helen Snow Smith, Mavis Thomas Davis; (back row, l to r) Sam Rowe, Martha Edmonson Martin, Merian Vaughn Kennedy, Roslyn Johnson Ham, John Frank Lindsey, Ed Hornsby and Jim Bowell.

National Security awards scholarships

The 2007 National Security scholarships were awarded recently. Each recipient received a \$2,000 scholarship to the school of their choice.

These scholarships are awarded annually to the children of National Security employees that meet academic guidelines established by the company.

This year's recipients included: Brad Sullivan, Savannah Parrish, Steven Tate and T.J. Gideon.

Brad Sullivan is a senior at Elba High School. He is the son of Sandi and Scotti Sullivan of Elba. Brad is attending Lurleen B. Wallace Community College's MacArthur campus in Opp pursuing a degree in welding. He was recently awarded a Presidential Technical Scholarship from LBWCC.

Savannah Parrish is the daughter of Sheila Parish. Savannah is currently employed part time with NSG. Savannah will be receiving an Advanced Diploma upon graduation from Opp High School. She plans to attend LBWCC beginning with the 2007 Fall Semester in preparation for a career in photography.

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